

PLOT EXCITES REBELS

Madero Admits It Was Elaborately Planned and Expects More.

DE VILLIERS CHEERFUL

Prisoner at El Paso Protests His Innocence, but Admits Political Mission.

El Paso, Tex., May 29.—Revelations of the alleged plot to start another revolution in Mexico after overthrowing the leadership of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and preventing his journey to Mexico City created intense excitement throughout the rebel army to-day.

That Madero has been advised of certain facts not generally known is believed by some to explain the delay in his departure to the capital to consult with President de la Barra concerning the pressing problems connected with the reorganization of the government, although Señor Madero himself declared he postponed his trip merely to await the installation of the provisional governors.

The plot, which resulted last night in the arrest of Daniel de Villiers, of Mexico City, at El Paso, and of W. F. Dunn, an American at Monterrey, Mexico, is said to include three rebel chiefs operating in the state of Coahuila. A telegram from Monterrey today states that Dunn, on Madero's orders, has been placed incommoded for several hours. De Villiers is held in the El Paso jail on charge of conspiracy to murder Francisco I. Madero.

That the alleged plot was elaborately planned and that more plots against him are to be expected before he becomes established at Mexico City, was frankly admitted by Madero to-day.

"For ten days we have been secretly working on this plot," said Madero. "When I was first informed of it I traced it to Mexico City. A small group of the old regime there decided to make a last desperate chance to save themselves in the hope that if I were overthrown they might continue in their old ways of exploiting the country for their private good."

When I learned that a large sum of money was back of the plot I determined to give it every encouragement. Oregon was to have gone to Coahuila Grandes with sepoys, but he returned here, apparently to become a dupe to the scheme. General Villiers also was ordered to take any measures offered him. These men were to incite me and start a counter revolution. When the plot had gone far enough I ordered its arrest."

Pilot Didn't Delay Trip.

The pilot did not delay my proposed trip to Mexico City, as many believed. I am remaining here simply to effect the initiation into office of some of my provincial governors. With these governors installed I will feel that the new regime has progressed sufficiently to warrant my presence at the capital.

I have unshakable confidence in the faith which the Mexican people have for me. Only a small portion of selfish motives are likely to oppose me. There will be no more plots undoubtedly, but prompt steps will be taken to stop them."

Referring to criticism coming from Mexico City that the new government appeared to be taking on the element of a family affair in the selection of Maderos and Goitias the office Señor Madero said:

"These men have taken an active part in the revolution and were selected because of their fitness and their enthusiasm for the cause of liberty. Absolutely no consideration was paid to family ties. The charges of deposition are being trumped up by the official element which fears to see the dawn of the new era."

When seen at the county jail to-day De Villiers looked cheerful, but refused to discuss the charge against him.

"I am innocent of any charge and I'll be out in a few days and have a drink with you all," he said laughingly through the prison bars to the newspaper men.

Asked about the telegrams which had been sent on him and which General Villiers says were shown to him, the prisoner replied: "None of the telegrams were addressed to me."

Though some of the messages used names, those which Constable Brown, said De Villiers, according to Brown's statement to-day, are addressed to Daniel Villiers.

De Villiers declared he was a rancher, and that his home was in San Antonio. He said he fought in the Boer War and there met General Villiers. It was the Indians arising from that meeting who led him to believe De Villiers based his idea that the general would enter the plot, or at least not disclose those who were involved in it. The belief also was expressed by Daniel Jackson, General Villiers' attorney, today that de Villiers had been operating as freely in American territory than they thought they could not be seduced for a political offence against another country."

Complaint Based on Texas Law.

Mr. Jackson said to-day that the complaint against De Villiers was based on a Texas statute, and as it is illegal to conspire to murder a citizen of another land, Francisco I. Madero, it would be possible, if necessary, to secure the extradition of many important persons in Mexico.

The Pontiff says he feels that it is his duty to denounce the "separation law to the whole Christian world."

He praises the courageous stand taken by the Portuguese clergy and exhorts them to continue their strict union with the Holy See.

The Holy See, the encyclical says, has been patient up to now but cannot longer keep silent as the law of separation denies to Catholic citizens even common liberties. Such a law is a violation of material goods and a tyrannical impression in spiritual affairs. Man is deprived forever of a fixed church in which to maintain worship. The law even violates the will of those living with women.

The law aims to detach the Portuguese Church from Rome, the encyclical says in conclusion, and therefore the Pope condemns it as null, it having no value against the inviolable rights of the Church.

The plot of Rosendo Pinedo, leader of the Constitutional party in the Mexican Congress.

Visiting Officers Entertain—Sympathy for Death of Prince John.

Copenhagen, May 29.—The officers of the American warships gave a luncheon yesterday afternoon to the Danish officers Rear Admiral Badger and the captains of the squadrons paid a visit of condolence to the court, expressing sympathy in the death of Prince John, uncle of King Frederick, and placing a wreath on the coffin.

Owing to the death of the prince, the Minister of Marine cancelled the ball which was to have been given in honor of the American officers, but gave a banquet instead, at which covers were laid for three hundred and fifty.

Some thousand persons witnessed the funeral game to-day between teams from the Louisiana and the New Hampshire, which was won by the former.

W. Wharton, local attorney, has been engaged by De Villiers to represent him, so far as the case will be given to the police. The officers left the hotel soon after the visitors to-day and found what was believed to be two code telegrams, one of which reads as follows:

Mexico, Mex., May 29.—Daniel de Villiers, El Paso, Texas. Everybody well. De Villiers has wired you. A

Galan is the man for whom De Villiers has been employed for some time as a planter and is because the man who made his fortune has many years threatened to kill Galan is alleged to have been shot in Madrid last winter working out the details of the revolution.

W. Wharton, who defend the Villiers, said:

"De Villiers admitted to me that his misdeeds were political and that he was to receive some of Madero's friends, but was not really guaranteed that those who engaged him in the plot were to be nothing criminal in the movement. There is no criminal evidence in the case. De Villiers is in no way connected with the plot, and was arrested for the plot because he was a Boer and knew General Villiers."

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Newark, N. J.—The Eighty-third Street, this afternoon declared that the men arrested in Mexico on suspicion of plotting to start a counter revolution were well known Newarkers. The paper says they are William T. Dunn, formerly a newspaper man and at one time managing editor of "The Leader" and Dan de Villiers, a former soldier.

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A FLORIDA ENCHANTMENT is the title of a new two act burlesque that is being played at the Columbia Theatre this week by the Gailey Company. In the cast are Harry W. Fields, Al Herman, Eddie Lovett, Miss Barry Melton, William Edds, May West, Etta H. Wood and Catherine Gordon.

JERSEY PARTY SAILS TO-DAY.

Memorial services of school children who have been killed on the tracks of the New York Central Railroad in Eleventh Avenue, De Witt Clinton Park, were held yesterday.

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